AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A lighting system comprising:

an articulating lamp frame means including:

an open central area,

~~support means to support a lamp adjacent said central area,~~

a pair of substantially planar v-shaped components ~~attachable~~ attached together at an open end thereof to form said open central area by a pair of spaced apart hinge means for relative rotation about a main axis extending between said hinge means and across said central area,

wherein a support means to support a lamp is provided on one of said planar v-shaped components and adjacent said central area, and

said hinge means including fixation means ~~adapted to~~ for releasably ~~fix~~ fixing the relative position of said planar components; and

an extensible shade means attached between said planar components.

2. (Original) A lighting system as claimed in claim 1 wherein each of said hinge means comprises a pair of hinge elements aligned along said main axis attached to a respective one of said components.

3. (Currently amended) A lighting system as claimed in claim 2 wherein said fixation means includes threaded bolt means ~~adapted to form~~ for forming an axle of said hinge means.

4. (Currently amended) A lighting system as claimed in claim 3 wherein each of said pair of hinge elements includes a threaded portion to receive said bolt means and ~~adapted to~~ apply compressive force to said hinge means along said main axis and to fix the relative position of said planar components upon tightening of said bolt means.

5. (Original) A lighting system as claimed in claim 4 wherein said threaded portions are adjacent said open central area.

6. (Currently amended) A lighting system as claimed in claim 4 wherein each of said hinge means includes a pair of non-axial contact surfaces ~~adapted to~~ that come into frictional contact upon said tightening.

7. (Original) A lighting system as claimed in claim 6 wherein each of said contact surfaces lie between said hinge elements.

8. (Currently amended) A lighting system as claimed in claim 6 wherein said contact surfaces comprise respective pairs of conical surfaces ~~adapted to~~ that fit one within the other.

9. (Currently amended) A lighting system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said hinge means further comprises means adapted to guide said planar components together by movement along ~~the~~ said main axis upon attachment.

10. (Currently amended) A lighting system comprising:

an articulating lamp frame means including:

~~support means to support a lamp,~~

a pair of substantially planar v-shaped components ~~attachable~~ attached together at an open end thereof by a pair of spaced apart hinge means for relative rotation about a main axis extending between said hinge means,

wherein a support means to support a lamp is provided on one of said planar v-shaped components, and

each of said hinge means comprises:

a pair of hinge elements aligned along said main axis attached to a respective one of said components,

fixation means ~~adapted to~~ for releasably ~~fix~~ fixing the relative position of said planar components, and

means adapted to guide said planar components together along ~~the~~ said main axis upon attachment; and

an extensible shade means attached between said planar components.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) A lighting system as claimed in claim 10 wherein said fixation means includes threaded bolt means ~~adapted to form~~ for forming an axle of said hinge means.

13. (Currently amended) A lighting system as claimed in claim 12 wherein each of said pair of hinge elements includes a threaded portion to receive said bolt means and ~~adapted to~~ apply compressive force to said hinge means along said main axis and to fix the relative position of said planar components upon tightening of said bolt means.

14. (Original) A lighting system as claimed in claim 13 wherein said threaded portions are adjacent the other of said hinge means.

15. (Currently amended) A lighting system as claimed in claim 13 wherein each of said hinge means includes a pair of non-axial contact surfaces ~~adapted to~~ that come into frictional contact upon said tightening.

16. (Original) A lighting system as claimed in claim 15 wherein each of said contact surfaces lie between said hinge elements.

17. (Currently amended) A lighting system as claimed in claim 15 wherein said contact surfaces comprise respective pairs of conical surfaces ~~adapted to~~ that fit one within the other.

18. (Currently amended) A lighting system comprising:
an articulating lamp frame means including:
an open central area,
support means to support a lamp adjacent said central area,

a pair of substantially planar components ~~attachable~~ attached together for use by a pair of spaced apart hinge means for relative rotation about a main axis extending between said hinge means and across said central area, and

said hinge means including fixation means ~~adapted to~~ for releasably ~~fix~~ fixing the relative position of said planar components; and

an extensible shade means attached between said planar components,

wherein each of said hinge means comprises a pair of hinge elements aligned along said main axis attached to a respective one of said components,

wherein said fixation means includes threaded bolt means ~~adapted to form~~ for forming an axle of said hinge means,

wherein each of said pair of hinge elements includes a threaded portion to receive said bolt means and ~~adapted to~~ apply compressive force to said hinge means along said main axis and to fix the relative position of said planar components upon tightening of said bolt means,

wherein each of said hinge means includes a pair of non-axial contact surfaces ~~adapted to~~ that come into frictional contact upon said tightening, and

wherein said contact surfaces comprise respective pairs of conical surfaces ~~adapted to~~ that fit one within the other.

19. (Currently amended) A lighting system comprising:

an articulating lamp frame means including:

support means to support a lamp,

a pair of substantially planar components ~~attachable~~ attached together for use by a pair of spaced apart hinge means for relative rotation about a main axis extending between said hinge means, and

each of said hinge means comprises:

a pair of hinge elements aligned along said main axis attached to a respective one of said components,

fixation means ~~adapted to~~ for releasably ~~fix~~ fixing the relative position of said planar components, and

means ~~adapted to guide~~ for guiding said planar components together along ~~the~~ said main axis upon attachment; and

an extensible shade means attached between said planar components,

wherein said fixation means includes threaded bolt means ~~adapted to form~~ for forming an axle of said hinge means,

wherein each of said pair of hinge elements includes a threaded portion to receive said bolt means and ~~adapted to~~ apply compressive force to said hinge means along said main axis and to fix the relative position of said planar components upon tightening of said bolt means,

wherein each of said hinge means includes a pair of non-axial contact surfaces ~~adapted to~~ that come into frictional contact upon said tightening, and

wherein said contact surfaces comprise respective pairs of conical surfaces ~~adapted to~~ that fit one within the other.

20. (Previously presented) A lighting system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said pair of substantially planar v-shaped components each include a detachable spherical element provided at a narrow end thereof for one of attachment of an accessory or a mounting configuration.

21. (Previously presented) A lighting system as claimed in claim 10 wherein said pair of substantially planar v-shaped components each include a detachable spherical element provided at a narrow end thereof for one of attachment of an accessory or a mounting configuration.

22. (Previously presented) A lighting system as claimed in claim 18 wherein said pair of substantially planar v-shaped components each include a detachable spherical element provided at a narrow end thereof for one of attachment of an accessory or a mounting configuration.

23. (Previously presented) A lighting system as claimed in claim 19 wherein said pair of substantially planar v-shaped components each include a detachable spherical element provided at a narrow end thereof for one of attachment of an accessory or a mounting configuration.

24. (Previously presented) A lighting system as claimed in claim 20 wherein said mounting configuration includes configuration as a table, swag lamp, or plural lamps.

25. (Previously presented) A lighting system as claimed in claim 21 wherein said mounting configuration includes configuration as a table, swag lamp, or plural lamps.

26. (Previously presented) A lighting system as claimed in claim 22 wherein said mounting configuration includes configuration as a table, swag lamp, or plural lamps.

27. (Previously presented) A lighting system as claimed in claim 23 wherein said mounting configuration includes configuration as a table, swag lamp, or plural lamps.